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Descendants of Joseph Foster.

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DESCENDANTS

OF

HOPESTILL FOSTER OF DORCHESTER, MASS.

SON OF

RICHARD FOSTER OF BIDDENDEN, CO. KENT,

AND HIS WIFE

PATIENCE BIGGS (widow Foster),

THE IMMIGRANT IN 1635.

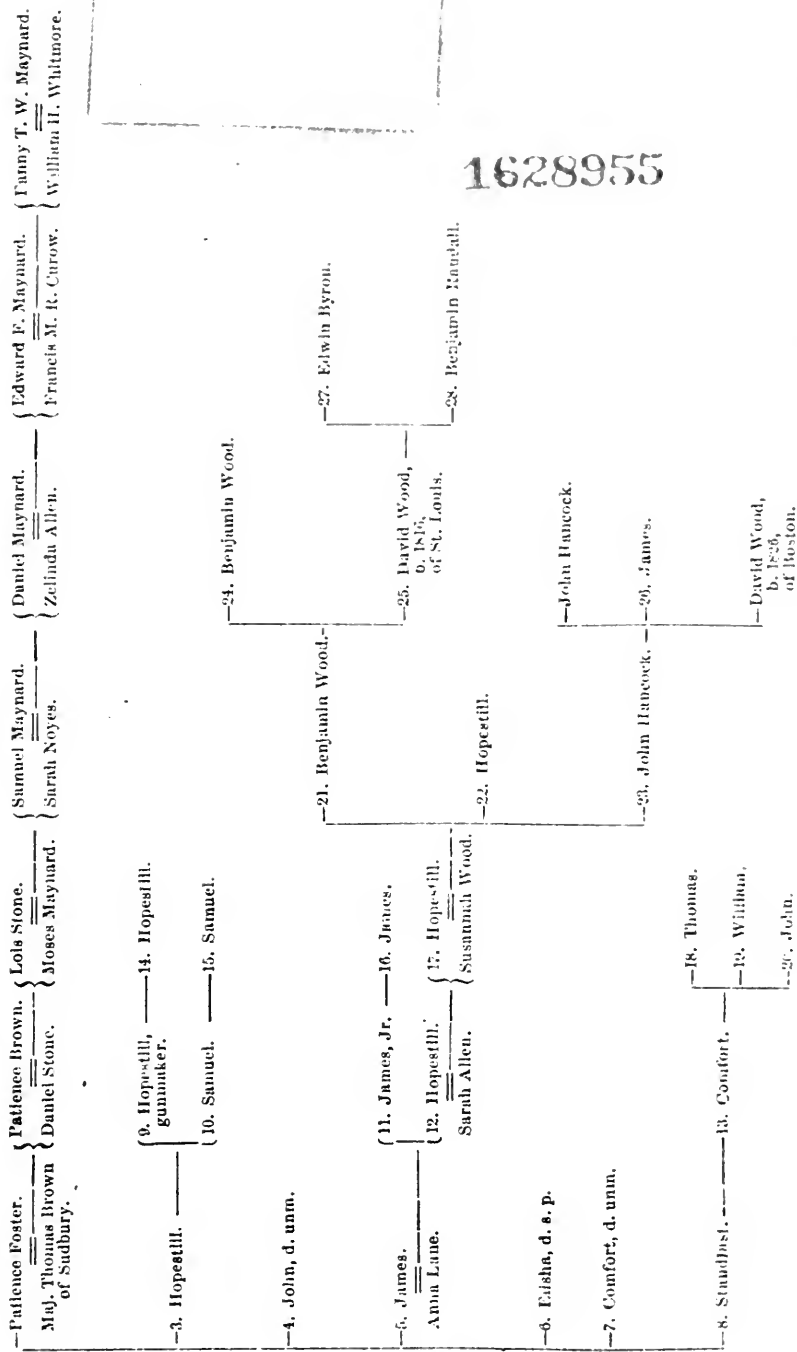
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Richard Foster  
 of  
 Biddenden,  
 d. 1824.  
 Mary Bates.



## CAPT. HOPESTILL FOSTER OF DORCHESTER, MASS., AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

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THOUGH considerable has been written about Capt. Hopestill Foster, much was incorrect, and I must confess to have been one of the blunderers. This is especially in regard to the idea that his father came to New England.

The true record begins with the fact that on 17 April 1635, there embarked on the "Elizabeth," of which William Stagg was master,

Patience Foster, aged 40.	
Hopestill Foster, " 14.	
Rachel Bigg, " 6.	
James Bate, " 53, and his family.	

I agree with Mr. Savage that the age of Rachel Bigg was a clerical error, and that she was the Rachel Bigg whose will of 17 Nov. 1646 is in our Suffolk Wills and which is annotated by me in the REGISTER, vol. 29, p. 253. In the same notes will be found the will of John Bigg of Maidstone, Co. Kent, Eng., dated 27 March, 1641-2, proved 7 Feb. 1642-3. He mentions his mother, his sister Foster, and his brother Stowe, all three in New England; cousin James Bate of New England; and his own brother Smallhope Biggs of Cranbrook, deceased. I omit many other interesting references.

Now the widow Rachel Bigg in 1646 mentions her *nephew* Hopestill Foster, and his children Thankful, Hopestill and Patience. In regard to the word "nephew" I made a surprising blunder, treating it as equivalent to son-in-law, and meaning by it the husband of Patience Foster who came over with Mrs. Bigg. In fact the word "nephew" in English wills of that date means very often, if not invariably, "grandson." See on this point the standard dictionaries.



This makes everything harmonious. (1) Mrs. Patience Foster, the emigrant of 1635, was doubtless a widow, and the Christian name of her husband is still unknown.\* Her son (2) Hopestill Foster, born in 1620, or 1621, was the first of these names in Dorchester, was the (nephew, *i.e.*) grandson of Rachel Bigg, and in 1653 he and his cousins, the Stowes, divided the lands of their "deceased uncles Smallhope Bigg and John Bigg, both of Kent."

Against this, is only the tradition or idea that Patience Foster's husband was named Hopestill, and that he came to Dorchester, substantiated by the fact that a Hopestill Foster was a freeman 22 May, 1639, Art. Co. 1642, and selectman 1645. (I do not find a selectman then, it being an error for 1655.) These offices seem beyond the reach of a boy born in 1620.

But look at the other side. In the Dorchester Church Record we find admitted prior to Nov. 1639, Rachel Bigge, Patience Foster and Hopestill Foster. In the same record, Thankful Foster bapt. 27 Dec. 1640, "married to Mr. Baker of Boston." [Later note on the ch. record.]

Hopestill Foster " 10 Mch. 1644.

Patience Foster " 16 July. 1646.

all recognized in other ways as children of Capt. Hopestill Foster and his wife Mary, daughter of James Bates, and of course the same three named by their grandmother, Rachel Biggs, in her above will of November, 1646.

Now Capt. Hopestill was presumably married in 1639, the same year that the freeman was admitted, and that he was made a church member also.

In Dorchester Town Records as printed, p. 28, in the division of lands *widow* Foster had an acre next to Mr. Bates, at the Neck, in January, 1637-8; in March 1637-8 she has 2 acres and 30 rods. In 1641 (p. 45) persons putting horses on the Neck were to report to Hopestill Foster; in 1644 H. F. was one of three to settle with John Glover. From that date we trace Capt. Hopestill.

All of these facts point to certain conclusions, viz., that prior to 1639 Patience Foster was a widow, and as there is no mention of her husband's death here, nor of his being alive here, it seems indisputable that he never

\* In Aspinwall's Notarial Book, I find several papers regarding the Fosters, Stowes and Biggs, notably one of 3, 11th mo. 1648, when they appointed Robert Swinock of Maidstone, Kent, their attorney to receive a legacy and "to call in a bond given by Henry Archer and Hopestill Foster and Mr. Andrew Foster for security to discharge him of said legacy." Archer's wife was a Stowe. But it seems that the security, Andrew Foster, must have been in England.





came here; but that her son Hopestill was made a freeman, church member and a husband in 1639. As I have said, if he were only 14 in 1635 this would be marvellous; but if the Custom-house entry of age was wrong, as it was in regard to his grandmother Rachel Bigg, there is no inconsistency. In fact I incline to think the age given him was 17 instead of 14, and then he would be 21 when he took up these responsibilities in 1639. Mr. Savage in his transcript of these lists of emigrants, has pointed out numerous instances of evident mistakes in the ages given.

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I have decided to let the foregoing stand as it was printed in the REGISTER, and to add the new proof of the truth of my conjectures. As soon as the April REGISTER was printed, Mr. Albert C. Bates, Librarian of the Connecticut Historical Society, kindly sent to the editor the following information. In the "Archæologia Cantiana" (London, 1893), vol. xx., p. 20, is an abstract of the administration of the estate of Richard Foster of Biddenden, co. Kent, dated 3 May, 1630. The widow, Patience, renounced administration, and it was granted to John Bigge, maternal uncle of Mary, Hopestill and John Foster, children, minors.

Thus we get the name of Patience Foster's husband, and the date of his death. Further researches in Kent will probably add to the Foster pedigree.

Probably Mary and John, children of Richard, died young, as they are not mentioned in the Biggs wills.

## SECOND GENERATION.

2. HOPESTILL<sup>2</sup> FOSTER (*Patience*<sup>1</sup>) was evidently a very active man and his name for years is on nearly every page of the Dorchester records. In 1654 he is called "ensign," and so on for eight years; in 1662 he is called "lieutenant," under Capt. Clapp; and in 1666 he became "captain," by which title he was known till his death.

He held many town offices, as treasurer, &c.; was selectman in 1655 and many subsequent years; and was deputy to the General Court annually from 1659 to 1676, excepting 1671, when he was commissioner for small causes, eventually dying in office. This must be an unusual tenure of office.

As this article is to be genealogical, I shall not attempt to trace Capt. Foster's purchases of land, except as they may be evidence of pedigree.



HOPESTILL<sup>2</sup> FOSTER married Mary, daughter of James Bates of Dorchester, who was a cousin to John Bigge. She came in the ship with the Fosters, and was reported as aged 17, a slight evidence that Hopestill's age is incorrectly given. Their children were as follows, the births being copied from Dorchester town records, and the baptisms from Dorchester church records :

- i. THANKFUL,<sup>3</sup> bapt. 27 Dec. 1640; m. John Baker of Boston 8 Jan. 1663-4
3. ii. HOPESTILL,<sup>3</sup> " 10 March, 1644-5.
- iii. PATIENCE,<sup>3</sup> " 16 Aug. 1646; m. Maj. Thomas Brown of Sudbury.
4. iv. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> " 10 Dec. 1648.
5. v. JAMES,<sup>3</sup> b. 13 April, 1651. (Ch. Rec.)
6. vi. ELISHA,<sup>3</sup> bapt. 24 Aug. 1653.
- vii. MARY,<sup>3</sup> " 10 Feb. 1655-6; m. (1) Ephraim Sale about 1680,  
(2) Samuel Ward 10 Dec. 1691.
7. viii. COMFORT,<sup>3</sup> b. 28 Sept. 1658; died unm. 5 Jan. 1688-9.
8. ix. STANDFAST,<sup>3</sup> " 13 Nov. 1660.
- x. RICHARD,<sup>3</sup> " 29 March, 1662-3; d. 6 Oct. 1663.  
Capt. Hopestill Foster d. 15 Oct. 1676.  
His widow Mary d. 5 Jan. 1702-3, aged 84 years. (Tombstone.)

Mrs. David W. Foster has the unrecorded original of an indenture between Edmond Brown of Boston, shopkeeper, and Elizabeth his wife (heretofore the wife of Hopestill Foster of Dorchester, soap-boiler, deceased), Hopestill Foster of Boston, gunmaker, Samuel Foster of Boston, goldsmith (sons of said Hopestill Foster), Timothy Nash of Boston, merchant, and Mary his wife, one of the daughters of Hopestill Foster and Elizabeth Foster of Boston, spinster, another daughter of Hopestill Foster, ——— of the one part,

And James Foster of Dorchester, yeoman, of the other part, selling to J. F. for £40.

A parcel of upland in Dorchester, about 12 acres, part of estate of s<sup>d</sup> Hopestill Foster, bounded

Northerly by the highway leading toward Castle Island.

Easterly by land of James White

Westerly " " " Isaac Jones

Southerly by saltmarsh of Capt. Samuel Clapp & saltmarsh of Samuel Topley.

Note, Livery of Seizen given by E. Browne & Hopestill Foster 10 April 1694.

Mch 31, 1698 H. F. & Sam<sup>l</sup> F. acknowledged before Sam. Sewall.



Again it appears by Suffolk Deeds, vol. 21, fol. 524, that on 23 April, 1696, James Foster of Dorchester and wife Anna; Standfast Foster of Dorchester and wife Abigail; Thankful Baker, widow; Patience, wife of Thomas Brown of Sudbury, gent; and Mary, wife of Samuel Ward of Boston, cooper; all children of Capt. Hopestill Foster; and also Hopestill Foster of Boston, gunsmith, one of the grandsons of Capt. Hopestill, sold land to Matthias Puffer of Dorchester.

By a deed dated 31 Dec. 1703, recorded in 1715, Suffolk Deeds 29, fol. 223, it seems that Standfast Foster bought land of Thomas Brown of Sudbury, who married Patience, one of the daughters of Capt. Hopestill Foster; James Foster, son of Capt. H.; Mary Ward, widow, a daughter of H. F.; Hopestill Foster, gunsmith, and Silence Eliot, widow, two of the grandchildren of Capt. H. F. It mentions that Hopestill, Elisha and Comfort, three sons of Capt. H. F., were then deceased.

All of these relations are plain except Silence Eliot. I pointed out in Sewall's Diary, vol. iii. p. 333, that she was the daughter of a daughter of Capt. Hopestill. James Foster had a daughter Silence Foster, as we shall see, born in 1677; but Silence Eliot, who was the wife of Joseph Eliot of Boston (son of Jacob Eliot), died 8 June, 1744, aged 78, as her tombstone in the Granary yard testifies. She was born in 1666. Now it is certain that Capt. Hopestill's oldest daughter married 8 Jan. 1663-4, John Baker of Boston, and had John, born at Boston 26 Feb. 1664-5, and Silence born at Dorchester (see records) 28, 5 mo. 1666, "daughter of John Baker of Boston, deceased." John Baker's will, dated 26 March, 1666, proved 5 July, following, is in Suffolk Wills 1. 471. In it he mentions wife Thankful, son Thomas, daughter Elizabeth, a child unborn, and makes his father Hopestill Foster, his uncle Richard Baker, and his cousin William Ireland, overseers. He mentions his sister Catherine Johnson, his wife's uncle Bates, and gives his son Thomas the land that was his grandfather Swift's, at Dorchester Neck.

I pointed out in my note to Sewall's Diary, that Savage was entirely wrong about John Baker; this will shows still more error in Savage (vol. i., p. 97, and vol. iv., p. 241). Savage says that John Baker of Boston, blacksmith, married 5 Nov. 1657, Joan, daughter of Thomas Swift of Dorchester, by whom he had five sons and one daughter, of whom only Thomas and Elizabeth survived. Then he denounces the record of the marriage



and the first four births as falsely made on the Boston records, because the marriage record of 1657 says "married by John Winthrop, governor," though he died in 1649. (See Boston Records, printed edition, p. 62.)

Now the explanation is ludicrously simple. It was a clerical error for John Endecott, Gov., whose name is added to the next entry, and so for twenty more marriages on the same page. It is only a proof that eight years after his death, a clerk would mechanically write Gov. John Winthrop's name.

Boston records say that Joanna, wife of John Baker, died 21 July, 1663, and this makes everything clear. By his first wife (Swift) Baker had only Thomas and Elizabeth, and by his second wife (Foster) he had the child, unborn in March, who was named Silence, later. Undoubtedly John, the first child of this marriage, had died, not being named in the will, and Silence was thus the only heir of her mother, Thankful (Foster) Baker, and therefore she joined in the deed we have cited.

As to Patience Foster, wife of Major Thomas Brown of Sudbury, and her issue, I shall speak later on.

### THIRD GENERATION.

3. HOPESTILL<sup>3</sup> FOSTER, of Boston (of second church), soap boiler, married Elizabeth, daughter of Giles Payson of Roxbury, 15 Feb. 1666-7, and had at Boston:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup> b. 26 July, 1669.
- ii. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. 22 July, 1671; m. Timothy Nash 2 April, 1694.
9. iii. HOPESTILL,<sup>4</sup> b. 1673?
10. iv. SAMUEL,<sup>4</sup> b. 27 Dec. 1676.

Hopetill died about 1677, and his widow married Edmund Browne of Boston before 1694.

He was a constable in Boston 1675, on a committee for the town 1676.

By Suffolk Deeds (vol. 37, fol. 233), it seems that 7 Aug. 1700, there was a settlement of the estate of Hopetill F., soap boiler. This deed was acknowledged 14 Nov. 1715, by Elizabeth Brown the widow, and Hopetill F., gunmaker, the eldest son, but was not recorded till 18 May, 1724, after the latter's death.

Suffolk Deeds (vol. 38, fol. 27), Elizabeth Brown assigned her rights under date of 10 July, 1724, to her daughter Elizabeth Foster, widow and shop-keeper.





4. JOHN<sup>s</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester, H. C. 1667, died unmarried 9 Sept. 1681.

Blake's Annals says that John was schoolmaster of Dorchester, and was "he that made the Seals or Arms of the Colony, viz an Indian with a bow and arrow, &c."

5. JAMES<sup>s</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester (Sergt. 1688, Lieut. 1700), married 22 Sept. 1674, Mary, daughter of John Capen, and had:

i. SILENCE,<sup>4</sup> b. 4 April, 1677; m. John Clap, 26 May, 1698.

James Foster's first wife died 8 Feb. 1678-9. He married 2d, Anna, daughter of Capt. Job Lane of Bedford, 7 Oct. 1680, and had:

ii. THANKFUL,<sup>4</sup> b. 30 March, 1682-3; d. 15 Feb. 1700-1.

iii. ANNA, b. 27 Jan. 1684-5; m. Robert Field, 1 June, 1710.

iv. PATIENCE,<sup>4</sup> b. 12 Feb. 1686-7; m. 7 Feb. 1716-17, Samuel Savel of Braintree.

v. JOHN,<sup>4</sup> b. 9 Feb. 1688-9.

vi. JEMIMA,<sup>4</sup> b. 9 Dec. 1690; m. 22 Dec. 1720, Robert Spur.

vii. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. 13 Oct. 1692.

viii. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup> b. 6 Feb. 1694-5; m. 29 Sept. 1715, Ebenezer Barnard of Woodstock.

11. ix. JAMES,<sup>4</sup> b. 8 Dec. 1698.

x. REBECCA,<sup>4</sup> b. 14 Sept. 1700; d. 28 Sept. 1700.

12. xi. HOPESTILL,<sup>4</sup> (bapt.) b. 15 Feb. 1701-2. Dorchester Ch. Rec.

xii. THANKFUL,<sup>4</sup> b. 15 July, 1704; m. 29 May, 1728, John Shaw of Poinfret.

Anna, wife of James, died 29 Sept. 1732, in 68th year, and he died 4 Oct. 1732, in his 82d year.

His children's marriages are shown by the following deed:

Suffolk Deeds (vol. 48, fol. 76.)—John Foster & w. Mary, of Boston, blacksmith. James Foster Jr. & w. Priscilla, of Dorchester, yeoman. Hopestill Foster Jr. & w. Sarah, of Boston, housewright. Silence, w. of John Clap of Sudbury. Anna, w. of Robert Field of Dorchester. Patience, w. of Samuel Saville of Braintree. Jemima, w. of Robert Spur of Dorchester. Elizabeth, w. of Ebenezer Bernard of Woodstock. Thankful Foster, spinster. All children of James Foster.





James Foster's tombstone is in the old Dorchester yard, and bears the coat-of-arms printed on the preceding page. It records the death of James and his wife, both in 1732, and, under the rules of the *Heraldic Journal*, this coat must be considered as strong presumptive evidence of the right of the family to use arms. James was the son of an emigrant, and the inscription is earlier than the period of the assumption of arms here.

6. ELISHA<sup>3</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester. Married Sarah Payson (daughter of Giles, and sister to his brother Hopestill's wife), 10 April, 1678. He died 16 Oct. 1682, probably of small pox. His widow married Ebenezer Wiswall, 26 March, 1685, and died 21 June, 1714.

7. COMFORT<sup>3</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester, husbandman, never married, and died "in his majesty's service."

He and his brother Standfast were residuary legatees of their father; Standfast was made administrator on his brother's estate. *Suffolk Deeds*, vol. 14, fol. 244.

8. CAPT. STANDFAST<sup>3</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester, maltster. Married Abigail, daughter of Thomas Holman and Abigail (Rigby), who married 19 Feb. 1663-4. By her Foster had:

13. i. COMFORT,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 29 June, 1689.
- ii. ABIGAIL,<sup>4</sup> b. 18 March, 1692-3; d. 27 Sept. 1695.
- iii. ELISHA,<sup>4</sup> b. 18 June, 1696; d. Nov. 1775.
- iv. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. 31 Oct. 1700; d. 16 March, 1700-1.

The Dorchester Church record says Comfort, son of Standfast Foster, was bapt. 29 June, 1689, at Milton, "the mother being at her father Holman, by reason of the small-pox being at Thomas Modesly house."

His wife Abigail died 22 June, 1713. He married 2d, Sarah Miller (published at Boston 27 May, 1714), who died 1 Aug. 1727, in 59th year. He died 11 Nov. 1727, in 67th year. Administration granted to son Comfort.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

It will be noted that though Capt. Hopestill had five sons, he had but five Foster grandsons to carry on the name.



9. HOPESTILL<sup>4</sup> FOSTER of Boston, gunmaker, married Elizabeth, daughter of Solomon and Mary (Danforth) Phipps of Charlestown, at Cambridge, 15 Nov. 1705, and had:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> b. 26 Aug. 1707; d. 15 Sept. 1707.
- 14. ii. HOPESTILL,<sup>5</sup> } twins, b. 28 June, 1708. Bookseller.
- iii. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> }
- iv. ELISHA,<sup>5</sup> b. 25 May, 1711: alive in 1734.
- v. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. 29 Aug. 1715.
- vi. DANFORTH,<sup>5</sup> b. 27 July, 1717; d. 14 Aug. 1717.

He seems to have held office in Boston, constable 1705, clerk of the market 1710, tythingman 1710, 1715, 1717. He became a shopkeeper at some date after 1715. By Suffolk Deeds, vol. 37, fol. 128, Hopestill Foster, shopkeeper, and wife Elizabeth mortgage lands to Eben<sup>r</sup> Mawdsley of Dorchester.

He committed suicide April 21, 1724, in his own house by hanging; see Sewall's Diary, iii. 333. His widow (born 2 Jan. 1683-4) died 15 Feb. 1732, and aged 51 years. (King's Chapel Epitaphs.)

Suffolk Wills, 14 Oct. 1735.—Estate of Hopestill Foster, shopkeeper, viewed at request of Hopestill Foster, bookseller. The children were Elisha, Hopestill, Elizabeth and Mary.

10. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> FOSTER of Boston, goldsmith, married Rebecca Brisco, and had:

- i. REBECCA,<sup>5</sup> b. 10 April, 1699; m. John Best; pub. 31 Aug. 1721.
- 15. ii. SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> b. 25 June, 1701; m. Rachel Kneeland; pub. 28 March, 1721.

Samuel<sup>4</sup> Foster died at Boston 10 March, 1702. His widow married 2d. Thomas Morrise, 13 Oct. 1709; 3d, William Scorch; married 25 Dec. 1718.

Suffolk Deeds, vol. 21, fol. 150.—Samuel Foster made a trust deed, dated 9 March, 1699-1700, describing himself as son of Hopestill Foster the soap boiler—for love of now wife Rebecca, daughter of my father-in-law Joseph Brisco, and also love of only child Rebecca.

In 1724, Suffolk Deeds, vol. 39, fol. 68, Samuel Foster of Boston, periwig maker, and wife Rachel—Rebecca, wife of John Best, tanner, also Rebecca, widow of Samuel Foster and then wife of William Scorch of Boston, cooper, make deed.



11. CAPT. JAMES<sup>4</sup> FOSTER, JR., of Dorchester, married Priscilla ———, and had:

- i. PRISCILLA,<sup>5</sup> b. 18 Nov. 1722; m. Ebenezer Topliff, 29 May, 1744.
  - ii. BEULAH,<sup>5</sup> b. 27 Oct. 1725; d. 18 Aug. 1741.
  - iii. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. 3 June 1727.
  - iv. ANNA,<sup>5</sup> b. 4 Aug. 1729; m. Obadiah Low of Boston, 1 June, 1758.
16. v. JAMES,<sup>5</sup> b. 31 March, 1732.

His wife died 16 March, 1739-40, in her 47th year, per town records, but her tombstone says she died 6 March, 1732, aged 46 years, 6 months, 21 days; and he married 2d, Mrs. Elizabeth Pimer, who died 25 May in her 75th year.

12. HOPESTILL<sup>4</sup> FOSTER, son of James, baptized in Dorchester, removed to Boston, where he was married to Sarah Allen, 11 Nov. 1724, by Rev. Samuel Checkley. His record of office-holding is similar to that of his cousin Hopestill, the gunsmith, but begins about ten years later. His children were:

- i. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. 3 Oct. 1725; m. (1) George Hanners, 17 Aug. 1749; (2) ——— Hersey, 27 May, 1762.
  - ii. BENJAMIN,<sup>5</sup> b. 27 May, 1727; d. 30 Aug. 1747; bur. Granary.
  - iii. ANN,<sup>5</sup> b. 3 Oct. 1729; m. Samuel Swift.
  - iv. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. 19 Dec. 1731; d.
  - v. (still-born)<sup>5</sup> b. d. 4 Dec. 1733; Granary.
  - vi. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. 4 March, 1735-6; m. Christopher Prince.
  - vii. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> b. 20 Feb. 1739; d.
17. viii. HOPESTILL,<sup>5</sup> b. 29 June, 1744.

His wife died Sept. 1772, aged 70; "Capt. Hopestill Foster of the South End died Dec. 1772, aged 71"; both reported in the Mass. Gazette. His will, dated 13 Aug. 1772, mentions son Hopestill, daughter Ann Swift, daughter Sarah Hearsey, granddaughter Sarah Hanners, daughter Mary Prince. Mentions house and land bought of Andrew Belcher, also wharves, &c.

13. COMFORT<sup>4</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester, glazier, married Eleanor Woods, 22 July, 1712, and had:

- i. JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> b. 3 July, 1712; d. Jan. 1727-8, in his 16th year.
  - ii. ABIGAIL,<sup>5</sup> b. 8 Jan. 1713-14; m. Joshua Sevor, Jr., 21 June, 1733.
18. iii. THOMAS,<sup>5</sup> b. 21 March, 1715-16.
- iv. COMFORT,<sup>5</sup> } b. 30 Aug. 1718; d. 30 Nov. 1718.
  - v. ELEANOR,<sup>5</sup> } do.
  - vi. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. 29 July, 1721.





His wife dying ——, he married 12 May, 1726, Abiel Withington, and had :

19. vii. WILLIAM,<sup>5</sup> b. 24 April, 1727.

20. viii. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. 26 Dec. 1733.

Comfort Foster died 30 Jan. 1735-6. Abiel Foster died 23 March, 1810, aged 90.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

As a further proof of the contracted increase of the name, I note that the male Fosters descended from Capt. Hopestill were five sons, five grandsons and eight great-grandsons.

14. HOPESTILL<sup>6</sup> FOSTER of Boston, bookseller.\*

15. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> FOSTER of Boston, periwig-maker, published 8 March, 1721-2, to Rachel Kneeland, undoubtedly was married to her, as a deed in 1724 (Suffolk Deeds, vol. 36, fol. 68) mentions him and wife Rachel.

16. Capt. JAMES<sup>5</sup> FOSTER, Jr., of Dorchester, married 4 July, 1754, Mary Robinson, and had :

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>6</sup> b. 18 March, 1755; d. 28 July, 1775. ii. JAMES,<sup>6</sup> b. 15 Jan. 1757; d. 17 April, 1771. iii. STEPHEN,<sup>6</sup> b. 17 Oct. 1758. iv. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. 8 March, 1760. v. BEULAH,<sup>6</sup> b. 8 Jan. 1762; d. 23 May, 1782. vi. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. 18 May, 1764; d. 11 Sept. 1765. vii. SUSANNAH,<sup>6</sup> b. 27 April, 1766. viii. RUTH,<sup>6</sup> b. 6 June, 1768; d. 7 Aug. 1783. ix. BENJAMIN,<sup>6</sup> b. 13 April, 1770.

Capt. James Foster died 4 June, 1771, in his 40th year.

17. HOPESTILL<sup>5</sup> FOSTER of Boston married, 2 Nov. 1769, Susanna, daughter of David Wood of Charlestown, and had :

21. i. BENJAMIN WOOD,<sup>6</sup> b. 14 July, 1770.  
 ii. JAMES,<sup>6</sup> b. 7 Feb. 1772; d. unm. 1800.  
 iii. SUSANNA,<sup>6</sup> b. 18 April, 1774; m. John Adams of Medford.  
 iv. DAVID,<sup>6</sup> b. 30 April, 1776; d. 26 Sept. 1777.  
 v. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. 18 Feb. 1778; m. Thomas Forbes of Groton.
22. vi. HOPESTILL,<sup>6</sup> b. 14 Aug. 1780; m. Susan Sawyer, and d. Aug. 1810.  
 vii. RUTH,<sup>6</sup> b. 28 Sept. 1783; m. Nathan H. Bartlett.
23. viii. JOHN HANCOCK,<sup>6</sup> b. 30 May, 1788.

Hopestill Foster died Dec. 1801. (Boston records.)

\* Suffolk Deeds, vol. 50, p. 55, dated 4 Jan., 1734-5, Elisha Foster and Elizabeth to our brother Hopestill Foster, bookseller, executor of our mother Elizabeth Foster, widow and shopkeeper. Mary Foster sells her rights to her brother Hopestill Foster, bookseller, by deed of 1 Sept., 1836, Sud. Deeds, vol. 54, fol. 3.



18. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester married, 27 Sept. 1737, Mary Lyon, and had:

- i. JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> b. 27 July, 1738. ii. JACOB,<sup>6</sup> b. 30 May, 1739; d. 1 June, 1739.  
 iii. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. 2 Feb. 1741-2. iv. ELINOR,<sup>6</sup> b. 27 July, 1743. v. THOMAS,<sup>6</sup>  
 b. 15 Feb. 1744-5. vi. AMGAIL,<sup>6</sup> b. 4 Nov. 1746. vii. ANN,<sup>6</sup> b. 24 Aug. 1750.  
 viii. LUCY,<sup>6</sup> b. 30 Sept. 1754. ix. ELISHA,<sup>6</sup> b. 21 Sept. 1756.

Mary, wife of Thomas Foster, died 4 May, 1774; and he died 14 April, 1789.

19. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester married, 19 July, 1750, Elizabeth Hunt, and had:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>6</sup> b. ———; d. 22 Oct. 1750. ii. JOSIAH,<sup>6</sup> b. 25 Dec. 1751  
 (still-born). iii. ———, b. 9 Dec. 1753 (still-born).

He died 23 Jan. 1784, and his widow died 16 May, 1800.

20. JOHN<sup>5</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester married, 9 Oct. 1755, Hannah Downs, and had:

- i. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. 5 Aug. 1756, died probably 26 Oct., 1786. ii. COMFORT,<sup>6</sup> b. 21  
 March, 1758. iii. WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> b. ———; d. 20 May, 1763.

John Foster died 7 Nov. 1784; his widow died March, 1787.

Having thus traced five generations with reasonable fulness, I propose to trace only one line to the present time, that of [No. 17] Hopestill,<sup>5</sup> son of [No. 12] Hopestill<sup>4</sup> (grandson of Capt. James<sup>3</sup>), who lived at the corner of Hollis and Washington Streets, Boston. As to the Dorchester lines, I rest here, because there were in that town, from 1664, other Fosters not allied to Hopestill, and it may be difficult to discriminate the later generations. I append to this article the early generations of these Fosters.

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

21. BENJAMIN WOOD<sup>6</sup> FOSTER of Cambridge, Mass., married Hannah French, and had:

24. i. BENJAMIN WOOD,<sup>7</sup> b. 1814.  
 25. ii. DAVID WOOD,<sup>7</sup> b. 13 Mar. 1816.  
 iii. RUTH ANNE,<sup>7</sup> b. 27 Dec. 1818.

His wife died, and he married 2d, widow ——— Davison, and had:

- iv. WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> m. and had issue.  
 v. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> m.; no issue.



vi. A daughter,<sup>7</sup> m. ——— Pois of Baltimore, Md.

vii. A daughter.<sup>7</sup>

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- He died 25 Nov. 1882.

22. HOPESTILL<sup>6</sup> FOSTER of Boston, a sea captain, married Susan Sawyer, and had:

i. BEULAH,<sup>7</sup> m. John R. Remick, 3 July. 1818.

He died at sea, August, 1810.

23. JOHN HANCOCK<sup>6</sup> FOSTER of Boston, married 28 Nov., 1814, Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah Allen of Boston, and had:

i. JOHN HANCOCK,<sup>7</sup> b. 14 Aug. 1815; m. Nancy A. Frye, and has two daughters.

ii. JAMES,<sup>7</sup> b. 14 Feb. 1820; m. and has issue.

iii. NANCY,<sup>7</sup> b. 26 Dec. 1822; d. 11 Aug. 1826.

iv. DAVID WOOD,<sup>7</sup> b. 16 Oct. 1826; m. Sarah E. Abbot, and has: 1. *Sarah Elizabeth*<sup>8</sup>; 2. *Harriet Wood*.<sup>8</sup>

John H.<sup>6</sup> Foster died 16 March, 1855. He inherited the estate on the corner of Washington and Hollis Streets, still in the possession of his family.

#### SEVENTH GENERATION.

24. BENJAMIN WOOD<sup>7</sup> FOSTER, of Boston, married Margaret Tyler, 10 August, 1843, and had:

i. ALBERT WOOD,<sup>8</sup> m. and had issue.

ii. MARY.<sup>8</sup>

iii. JOSEPHINE.<sup>8</sup>

iv. CORNELIA.<sup>8</sup>

He died at New York, 12 March, 1881.

25. DAVID WOOD<sup>7</sup> FOSTER, of St. Louis, Mo., married at Cincinnati, O., 20 Sept. 1840, Ruth Ann Johnson, and had:

i. MILTON,<sup>8</sup> b. 15 July, 1841; d. 8 June, 1842.

ii. CHARLES EDWARD,<sup>8</sup> b. 8 Nov. 1842; d. 14 Dec. 1843.

26. iii. EDWIN BYRON,<sup>8</sup> { twins. } d. 15 Sept. 1878.

iv. MANSON WOOD,<sup>8</sup> { b. 24 Jan. 1846; } d. 22 Nov. 1858.

v. DAVID DONOPHAN,<sup>8</sup> b. 25 Nov. 1847; d. 26 June, 1848.

27. vi. BENJAMIN RANDALL,<sup>8</sup> b. 13 Feb. 1851.

vii. DONALDSON LORIE,<sup>8</sup> b. 12 Oct. 1852; d. 15 Oct. 1852.

viii. MARY SUSAN,<sup>8</sup> b. 2 Jan. 1849; m. Dr. Rush Appleberry.

ix. SARAH BELL,<sup>8</sup> m. Frank T. Fife.

x. EMERY STERLING,<sup>8</sup> { d. young.

xi. EMMA FRENCH,<sup>8</sup> { twins } unm.; living.



## EIGHTH GENERATION.

26. EDWIN BYRON<sup>8</sup> FOSTER, of Memphis, Tenn., married Lily Wise Hunter, and had:

- i. EDWIN HUNTER,<sup>9</sup> b. 16 May, 1875.
- ii. RUTH MORTON,<sup>9</sup> b. 14 July, 1876.

27. BENJAMIN RANDALL<sup>8</sup> FOSTER, of St. Louis, Mo., married Julia Blanche Tompkins, 26 Nov., 1885, and had:

- i. HOPESTILL,<sup>9</sup> b. 27 April, 1895.
- ii. BENJAMIN R.,<sup>9</sup> b. 24 June, 1897.

I now add one line of the descendants of Capt. Hopestill Foster, through his oldest daughter, in which I am specially interested.

PATIENCE<sup>8</sup> FOSTER'S DESCENDANTS.

PATIENCE<sup>8</sup> FOSTER, second child and oldest daughter of Capt. Hopestill<sup>2</sup> Foster, married Maj. Thomas<sup>2</sup> Brown of Sudbury. This fact is fully made evident by the deeds already published. Major Brown was a prominent man at Sudbury, and was the son of William<sup>1</sup> Brown, an original settler of Sudbury, who married 15 Nov., 1641, Mary, daughter of Thomas Besbeeck or Bisby, by whom he had seven children. As one was named Edmund, it is presumed that William was the brother of Rev. Edmund, the first minister of Sudbury. It is curious that William B. had a son Hopestill; that his son Major William married the daughter of Hopestill Foster; and that another son, Edmund B., married the widow of Hopestill F., Jr.

William<sup>1</sup> Brown of Sudbury was a deacon, captain and representative. (See Hudson's History of Sudbury, page 35.)

His son, Major Thomas Brown, was born 22 May, 1645; a representative, captain in the Indian war, etc. (Hudson, page 36.) His first wife, Patience Foster, died 15 Aug. 1703, not 1706, as wrongly printed by Hudson, page 570. His second wife, married 1 March, 1703-4, was Mary, daughter of Dep. Gov. Thomas Danforth, and widow of Solomon Phipps of Cambridge. Presumably, he had no issue by his second wife.





Major Brown's will (Middlesex Wills) is dated March 1, 1709. In it he mentions wife Mary and seven daughters, viz:

Mary,<sup>4</sup> m. 27 June, 1693; wife of [Jonathan] Willard. He d. 1706.

Thankful,<sup>4</sup> wife of Joseph Hubbard.

Patience,<sup>4</sup> m. { 1 Dec. 1704. } 1, Daniel Stone.  
2, Nathaniel Rice.

Elizabeth,<sup>4</sup> m. 7 Nov. 1703, [Hopestill] Bent.

Silence,<sup>4</sup> m. ——— Herds.

Hannah,<sup>4</sup>

Eunice,<sup>4</sup>

also grandson Jonathan Willard; to son-in-law John Clapp, 20 shillings. He mentions land in New England and also his property in Hedcorn and Fretenden in co. Kent, Eng. (*not* Hedcom and Tenterden, as Barry spells them). These two parishes are about four miles apart, due north from Cranbrook. Lydd is some twenty miles E. S. E. from Cranbrook.

Sewall ii., 255, writes: "Monday, May 9, 1709, Major Thomas Brown, esqr., of Sudbury, was buried in the Old Burying place. Bearers, Cook, Sewall, Eliakim Hutchinson, Townsend, Jeremiah Dummer, Paul Dudley, Scarves and gloves."

By reference to Sewall ii., 286, it is certain that he meant the present Granary yard.

#### FOSTER, BROWN, STONE BRANCH.

Of these children, Patience<sup>4</sup> Brown is called wife of Nathaniel Rice, but her father expressly states that she is to have money enough to make up £105, but that one half of the rest of her portion is to go to the surviving children which she had by her first husband, Daniel Stone.

Temple's History of Framingham gives these particulars: Gregory<sup>1</sup> Stone of Cambridge, deacon and representative, by wife Lydia (widow Cooper) had six children born in England (Paige). Of these:

Daniel<sup>2</sup> Stone married Mary, daughter of John Moore of Sudbury (widow of Richard Ward), and was a physician. He died between 6 Dec. 1686, and 6 July, 1687. (Paige. Hist. of Cambridge.)

Daniel<sup>3</sup> Stone, born 22 Nov. 1668, married as above noted, Patience Brown, and died 22 Dec. 1702. He had one son and four daughters, of whom the youngest, Lois,<sup>5</sup> born 21 Nov. 1701, married 18 March, 1723-4, Moses Maynard of Sudbury.



## FOSTER, BROWN, STONE, MAYNARD BRANCH.

MOSES<sup>3</sup> MAYNARD, who married Lois Stone, was grandson of John<sup>1</sup> M. of Sudbury, who was an early settler, and whose descendants are recorded in the histories of Sudbury and Framingham. He is said to have married Mary Axtell 11 June, 1646, and his son Zachary<sup>2</sup> Maynard was born 7 June, 1647. The father died 10 Dec. 1672.

Zachary<sup>2</sup> Maynard of Sudbury, married in 1678 Hannah, daughter of John Goodrich of Wethersfield, Conn., by whom he had several children, the youngest son being Moses,<sup>3</sup> above-named as marrying Lois Stone 18 March, 1723-4.

MOSES<sup>3</sup> MAYNARD of Sudbury, by wife Lois Stone, had (as by town records):

- i. HEZIBAH,<sup>4</sup> b. 21 Dec. 1724; m. Samuel Sherman.
- ii. SAMUEL,<sup>4</sup> b. 20 Dec. 1726; m. Sarah Noyes.
- iii. MOSES,<sup>4</sup> b. 1729; of Rutland.
- iv. ABIGAIL,<sup>4</sup> b. 18 Jan. 1731; m. Benjamin Fisk.
- v. LOIS,<sup>4</sup> b. 10 May, 1733; m. Edward Howe.
- vi. MICAH,<sup>4</sup>
- vii. JOSIAH,<sup>4</sup> b. 31 Oct. 1737; m. Mary Noyes, Dec. 1758.
- viii. DANIEL,<sup>4</sup> b. 23 Jan. 1741-2.
- ix. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> b. 7 May, 1744; m. Martha Smith.

The will of this Moses<sup>3</sup> Maynard (Worcester Wills) is dated 11 April, 1732. He mentions wife Lois; heirs of son Samuel of Shrewsbury, deceased; Moses M. of Rutland; heirs of son Micah, deceased; heirs of Josiah; Abigail, wife of Benjamin Fiske; daughter Lois, wife of Edward How of Westmoreland; heirs of son Nathaniel; to my beloved son Daniel Maynard he gives his homestead and makes him sole executor.

This homestead was in Sudbury.

SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> MAYNARD removed to Shrewsbury, where he married 22 Feb. 1749-50, Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Noyes. She was born in Sudbury 8 Jan. 1730-1. They had:

- i. DANIEL,<sup>5</sup> b. 25 Oct. 1750.
- ii. SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> b. 8 March, 1752.
- iii. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. 29 April, 1754; d. 12 Oct. 1756.

He died 29 May, 1755, aged 28 years. His widow married Enoch Kingsley of Windsor, Conn., in 1760. By an agreement in Worcester Deeds, dated 10 March, 1762, it seems that there was a division made of



land left by Samuel Maynard lying in common and undivided with Daniel Noyes, presumably his brother-in-law. It contained 106 acres and a plan is recorded setting off 44 acres to Noyes. Then 62 acres, valued at £360, was set off to Maynard's heirs, with a house, barn, etc., and also 30 other acres of land. The widow Sarah Kingsley had her thirds or dower set off for life.

This Shrewsbury homestead descended to his only surviving son, and the house is still standing, though not owned by a Maynard.

Samuel<sup>4</sup> Maynard had a son Samuel<sup>5</sup> who was in the Continental army, and died of small-pox at Ticonderoga, prior to May 5, 1776, as Samuel, son of "Samuel, deceased, and his relict Sarah," was baptized at Sudbury on that day. Sudbury records have the marriage of Samuel Maynard of Shrewsbury to Sarah Noyes, 4 March, 1775. I find no further record of this posthumous child.

DANIEL<sup>5</sup> MAYNARD of Shrewsbury, married (says Ward, History of Shrewsbury) Hannah, daughter of Samuel Harrington, in 1776, and perhaps lived there a few years. He had ten children, and died in the homestead 7 Feb. 1834; his widow died 1 April, 1838, aged 81. As his record is given by Ward, I note only his third son.

DANIEL<sup>5</sup> MAYNARD of Shrewsbury, who married 27 Nov. 1810, Zelinda, daughter of Samuel Allen. The pedigree is fully set forth in the Allen Genealogy by Allen H. Bent, published in 1896. Their children were:

- i. LEWIS A.,<sup>7</sup> b. 24 Dec. 1810; d. unm.
- ii. HARRIET N.,<sup>7</sup> b. 27 Dec. 1814; m. Chester V. Newton and has a son *Walter*.
- iii. CAROLINE E.,<sup>7</sup> b. 1817; m. Norris Yates; no issue.
- iv. EDWARD FLINT,<sup>7</sup> b. 1 Nov. 1820.
- v. SUSAN M.,<sup>7</sup> b. 11 Sept. 1823; m. Charles C. Coleman and has: *Mary Z.*, wife of Stedman Clark.
- vi. HENRY N.,<sup>7</sup> b. 11 May, 1826, a soldier; d. 1862, in Washington.
- vii. SARAH A.,<sup>7</sup> b. 26 Jan. 1829; m. Frederick Bartlett and has two sons: *Edward A.* and *Clarence*.
- viii. CHARLES F.,<sup>7</sup> b. 27 Feb. 1830; m. Eliza Nelson and has: *Charlotte M.*, wife of Charles E. Thwing.
- ix. CHARLOTTE A.,<sup>7</sup> b. 1 Nov. 1833; m. Amos Darling; no issue.
- x. DANIEL WALLACE,<sup>7</sup> b. 7 April, 1837; m. Ellen Newton; no issue.

Daniel, the father, died 21 May, 1866; his wife died 19 Sept. 1851.



EDWARD FLINT<sup>7</sup> MAYNARD, as above, settled in Boston. He married in New York, 23 May, 1846, Frances Maria Russell Curow of Boston, daughter of Robert Curow and Jane McMahon. Robert Curow was a recent immigrant, a baker in 1823. He had a son William who died here 12 April, 1838, aged 16 years, 4 months, but probably not born here. Frances M. R. Curow was born in Boston 6 June, 1827, and died 20 March, 1877. Her mother married secondly James Gordon of Boston, 5 Oct. 1834.

Edward F.<sup>7</sup> and Frances Maria Maynard had one child, Fanny Therese Walling<sup>8</sup> Maynard, who married in Boston, William H. Whitmore, 11 June, 1884, and they have one son, Charles Edward<sup>9</sup> Whitmore, born 26 Sept. 1887.





## APPENDIX.

## SCITUATE LINE OF FOSTERS.

(1) EDWARD<sup>1</sup> FOSTER of Scituate is duly recorded by Savage. Married Lettice Hanford, and died in 1643. His will mentions uncle Hatherly, father-in-law (*i.e.* step-father), Richard Seales, wife, son and child unborn. The son was Timothy<sup>2</sup>; the other, Elizabeth.

(2) TIMOTHY<sup>2</sup> FOSTER went to Dorchester and married Ruth, daughter of Thomas Tileston. She joined church 1664 at Dorchester. They had Ruth,<sup>3</sup> born 4 Aug. 1664; Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> born 8 Sept. 1667; Naomi,<sup>4</sup> born 11 Feb. 1668-9; Hatherly,<sup>3</sup> born 22 Aug. 1671; and Rebecca,<sup>3</sup> born 12 Sept. 1675. His wife died 5 Dec. 1677, and he married Relief, probably widow of John Dowse of Charlestown, says Savage, by whom he had Timothy,<sup>3</sup> born 8 Jan. 1681-2; Edward,<sup>3</sup> born 22 Jan. 1682-3; Prudence,<sup>3</sup> born 3 Dec. 1684; Thomas,<sup>3</sup> born 3 Nov. 1686; and Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> born 13 Oct. 1688. He died 16 Dec. 1688; his widow married 9 Mar. 1691-2, Henry Leadbetter, and died 7 July, 1743.

Of the sons of Timothy,<sup>2</sup> Hatherly<sup>3</sup> Foster went to Scituate and left issue. Timothy,<sup>3</sup> jr., does not appear on Dorchester records, if he survived.

(3) Capt. EDWARD<sup>3</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester, by wife Jemima had Edward,<sup>4</sup> born April, 1706, died 3 Aug. 1710; Timothy,<sup>4</sup> born 12 April, 1709; Mary,<sup>4</sup> born 13 Aug. 1711; Jemima,<sup>4</sup> born 8 Aug. 1713; and Ruth,<sup>4</sup> born 4 Feb. 1715-16. His wife died 29 Feb. 1715-16. Edward Foster and Alice Prince of Newport married at Newport 10 April 1718, and had Relief,<sup>4</sup> born 31 Aug. 1722. His wife died 28 Sept. 1755, in 75th year; and he died 20 Jan. 1761, in 79th year.

(4) TIMOTHY<sup>4</sup> FOSTER of Dorchester, only son of Capt. Edward, by wife Abiel, had Abigail,<sup>5</sup> born 30 Jan. 1743-4; Jemima,<sup>5</sup> born 24 Jan. 1745; Elizabeth,<sup>5</sup> born 1 Mar. 1747-8; Edward,<sup>5</sup> born 22 Mar. 1752; Sarah,<sup>5</sup> born 1 Mar. 1754; Timothy,<sup>5</sup> born 12 Nov. 1755, died 24 May, 1761; Relief,<sup>5</sup> born 26 Jan. 1758; Mary,<sup>5</sup> born 12 Dec. 1759; Timothy,<sup>5</sup> born 24 Aug. 1763. The father died 28 Aug. 1775, in his 67th year.



(5) EDWARD<sup>5</sup> FOSTER, probably son of the last named, married Polly Blake 26 Nov. 1778, and had Polly,<sup>6</sup> born 21 Sept. 1779; Edward,<sup>6</sup> born 24 Aug. 1781; Jemima,<sup>6</sup> born 29 Jan. 1783; Timothy,<sup>6</sup> born Jan. 1785; Joseph,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 1786; James,<sup>6</sup> born 30 Mar. 1790; Relief,<sup>6</sup> born 23 Mar. 1792; Joanna,<sup>6</sup> born 23 Sept. 1794; Flavel,<sup>6</sup> born Oct. 1796, died Nov. 1798; Flavel,<sup>6</sup> again, born Aug. 1799.

NOTE.—I find that in Dorchester John Foster had Robert, born 26 Nov. 1707, and Robert, again, born 20 Aug. 1709.

Again, Thomas Foster of Braintree had a son Hopestill, born 26 Mar. 1648, possibly the one who married in 1679 at Woburn, with Elizabeth Whittemore.















